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1. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce regard professional industrial training as vital in present-day conditions in Poland. During the past three years the Ministry of Industry and Trade has set up more than 500 industrial schools which are claimed to be "a product of a cultural revolution and a type best suited to the interests of the working class". These schools include:
  - 425 three-year schools and gymnasia
  - 26 lyceums
  - 50 industrial preparatory schools (SPP), exclusively for peasant youth. (See next paragraph.)
  - 4 technical schools
2. Industrial Preparatory Schools (Szkoly Przewyposobienia Przemyslowego - S.P.P.)
  - a. These schools, attached to some important industrial centers in Central Poland, were started in the spring of 1947. Their function is to train some 25,000 peasant boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 19 for industrial work. The schools are exclusively for children of smallholders, agricultural laborers, and the like, who would otherwise have no chance for any professional training.
  - b. Curriculum
    - 28 hours per week of general education.
    - 9 hours per week of theoretical instruction in industrial professions.
    - 16 hours per week practical training in workshops.
  - c. While attending the S.P.P., pupils are given free board and lodging. After a year the graduates will obtain the grade of semi-trained (przysuczony) workers in various industrial branches.

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- d. Plans are under consideration to start another special course in the spring of 1948. All the students graduating at that time who have shown special abilities during the first year of training will take this course. The course is to be on the gymnasium level (of the industrial type), so that the pupils can continue their education on higher levels up to the university standard.

e. Industries with S.P.P.'s

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number of S.P.P.'s</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Coal and Metal Industries	15	For youths aged 17 - 19.
Metallurgical Industry	7	Located at Wroclaw, Gliwice, Poznan, Bielsk, Zielone Gora (Grünberg), Szczecin, Elblag (Elbing).
Textile Industry	5	The only industry which trains peasants in weaving and spinning.
Mineral Industry	2	Ceramics and stone masonry.
Leather Industry	1	Run in connection with the Ota works at Odnet, Bytom (Beuthen) district.

- f. Planning for the future envisages the training of 50,000 peasant youths in the SPP's, including 15,000 - 20,000 in the coal industry schools.
- g. As in the USSR, the administration of the schools comes under the Ministry of Education. The Government uses the SPP for propaganda purposes, representing them as a blessing of the new "people's democracy", and the peasant youth are informed that this system ensures a social advance for them which they could not hope to achieve under any other regime.

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